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SUBJ: CLIFFORD MISSION: PROTOCOL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

1. ADMIN COUNSELOR CALLED ON CHIEF OF PROTOCOL VASSILIKOS TODAY TO DISCUSS PROTOCOL AND LOGISTIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR CLIFFORD VISIT. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION, VASSILIKOS EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT WE HAD MADE HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT HILTON FOR MEMBERS OF PARTY NOT STAYING AT RESIDENCE BECAUSE HE HAD ASSUMED CLIFFORD PARTY WOULD BE GUESTS OF GOG AND ROOMS HAD BEEN RESERVED AT GRANDE BRETAGNE. HE ASKED WHETHER WE WOULD HAVE ANY OBJECTION IF GOG WERE TO SETTLE THE BILLS AT THE HILTON FOR MEMBERS OF PARTY STAYING THERE. ADMIN COUNSELOR THANKED VASSILIKOS FOR GENEROUS OFFER AND SAID HE WOULD PASS IT ON TO DEPARTMENT.

2. WE BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE FOR GOG NOT TO PAY FOR HOTEL ROOMS IN ORDER THAT THERE CAN BE NO AMBIGUITY ABOUT THE FACT THAT CLIFFORD MISSION IS TOTALLY A US INITIATIVE BY PRESIDENT CARTER. RECOMMEND THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR GOG OFFER BUT SAY THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE FOR USG TO PAY COST OF HOTEL ROOMS. THIS SHOULD NOT CAUSE ANY DIFFICULTIES HERE. PLEASE ADVISE.

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3. VASSILIKOS ALSO SAID HE HOPED CLIFFORD PARTY WOULD ARRIVE ABOARD A SPECIAL AIRCRAFT RATHER THAN COMMERCIAL TO FACILITATE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PROCEDURES. IF PARTY ARRIVES VIA COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT, HOWEVER, HE THINKS IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR AIRCRAFT TO STOP AT OLYMPIC SIDE OF AIRPORT LONG ENOUGH TO DISCHARGE CLIFFORD PARTY BEFORE PROCEEDING TO INTER-

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